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RE: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 430X) - *215106*

AB-1040X-215104

Dear Secretary Williams:

We oppose the abandonment of the historic Burlington Northern-Santa Fe (originally St. Louis-San Francisco) rail line linking the Oklahoma City Union Station rail yard to Will Rogers Airport, the FAA/Mike Monroney Center and cities along that route from Wheatland/Mustang to Lawton-Ft. Sill, Altus-Altus Air Force Base and Quanah, Texas.

Apparently there is a cover-up in regards to current usage of this line. BNSF and SLWC have claimed that the line has not been used in two years. This is false. BNSF may not have used it, but leased it to SLWC. Trains run on it daily (see attached pictures of trains running on 11/4/05; a CD is also enclosed showing the trains and the environment). The tracks are bright and shiny, as seen in the attached photo.

This abandonment procedure probably stems from Oklahoma's Department of Transportation (ODOT) efforts to replace the Union Station railyard with a new urban crosstown expressway. Building this expressway with Federal funds will prove to be illegal as less expensive alternatives were not really considered. The expressway would effectively obliterate the BNSF rail line, which is still a useful and functional rail system. We are disappointed that BNSF would cave into ODOT's one-sided plan to sacrifice existing rail lines and rail heads in favor of the trucking and road building interests. If these rails are destroyed now, they will soon have to be replaced to meet Oklahoma's needs.

By arrangement with BNSF this line is used daily by an SLWC train from east to west and back from west to east to switch cement plants and other businesses located southwest of Union Station. Any claims otherwise are false. We have written documentation from two residents and two businesses near the tracks, who state that the line is used daily.

In light of surging demands nationwide for rail services as alternate transportation means due to the ever burgeoning traffic on highways and expressways, this abandonment could create far-reaching effects upon our transportation options in the greater metro area of Oklahoma City, as well as throughout southwest Oklahoma and even into Texas.

Secretary Williams, we know that you are dedicated to serving the truth, and that you will find out the truth in this matter. We demand a public hearing and an investigation into the cover-up. Thanks for you attention to this matter.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Richards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Richards" clearly legible.

Michael Richards

Enclosed:

- Photo #1 11/4/05 @ 1:37 p.m.
- Photo #2 11/4/05 @ 1:33 p.m.
- Photo #3 11/4/05 BNSF crossing near Wheeler Park
- Notice to Mr. Strickland
- Notice to Mr. Morell
- Petition #1
- Petition #2
- Petition #3
- Petition #4
- Petition #5
- Oklahoma City, OK Trackage Map
- CD ROM (original)

Photo #1

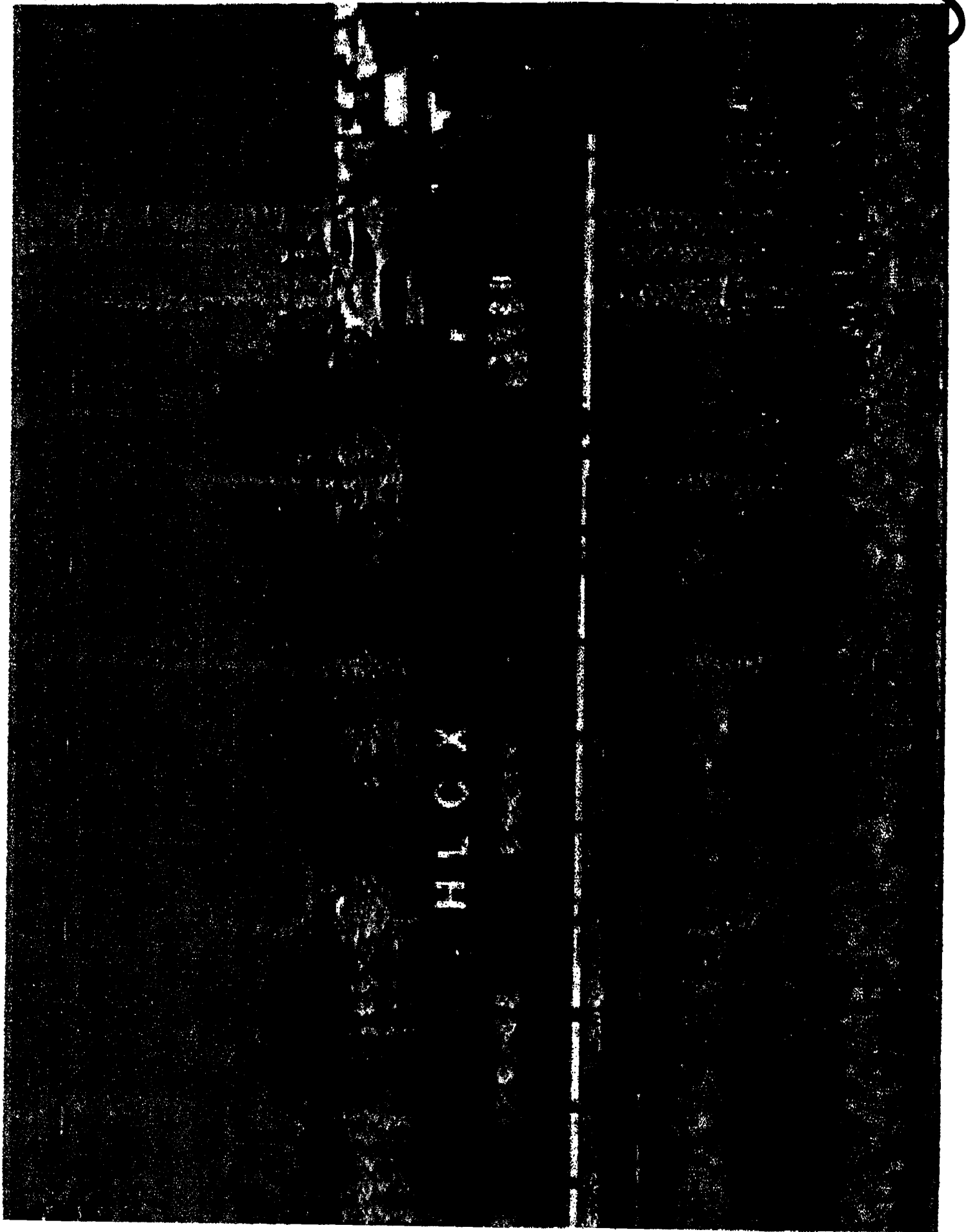
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Photo #3 11/4/05 BNSF Crossing
near Wheeler Park from Sharfel



STB Docket No. AB-6(Sub-No. 430X) Petition # 1
Proposed abandonment of historic BNSF rail line connecting Oklahoma City
Union Station to Will Rogers Airport and southwestern Oklahoma is unacceptable

Comment Date: November 2, 2005

Regarding: Surface Transportation Board
STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 430X)

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Petition # 1

STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 430X)

Petition # 2

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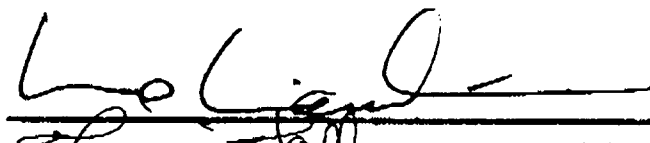
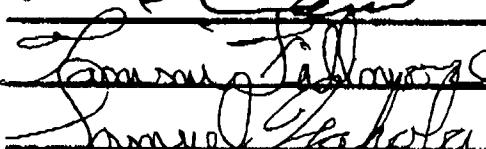

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Petition #2

215 Docket No. HB-6 (Sub-No. 430X) Petition # 3
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Comment Date: November 2, 2005

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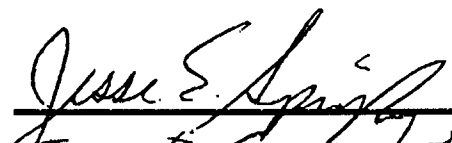
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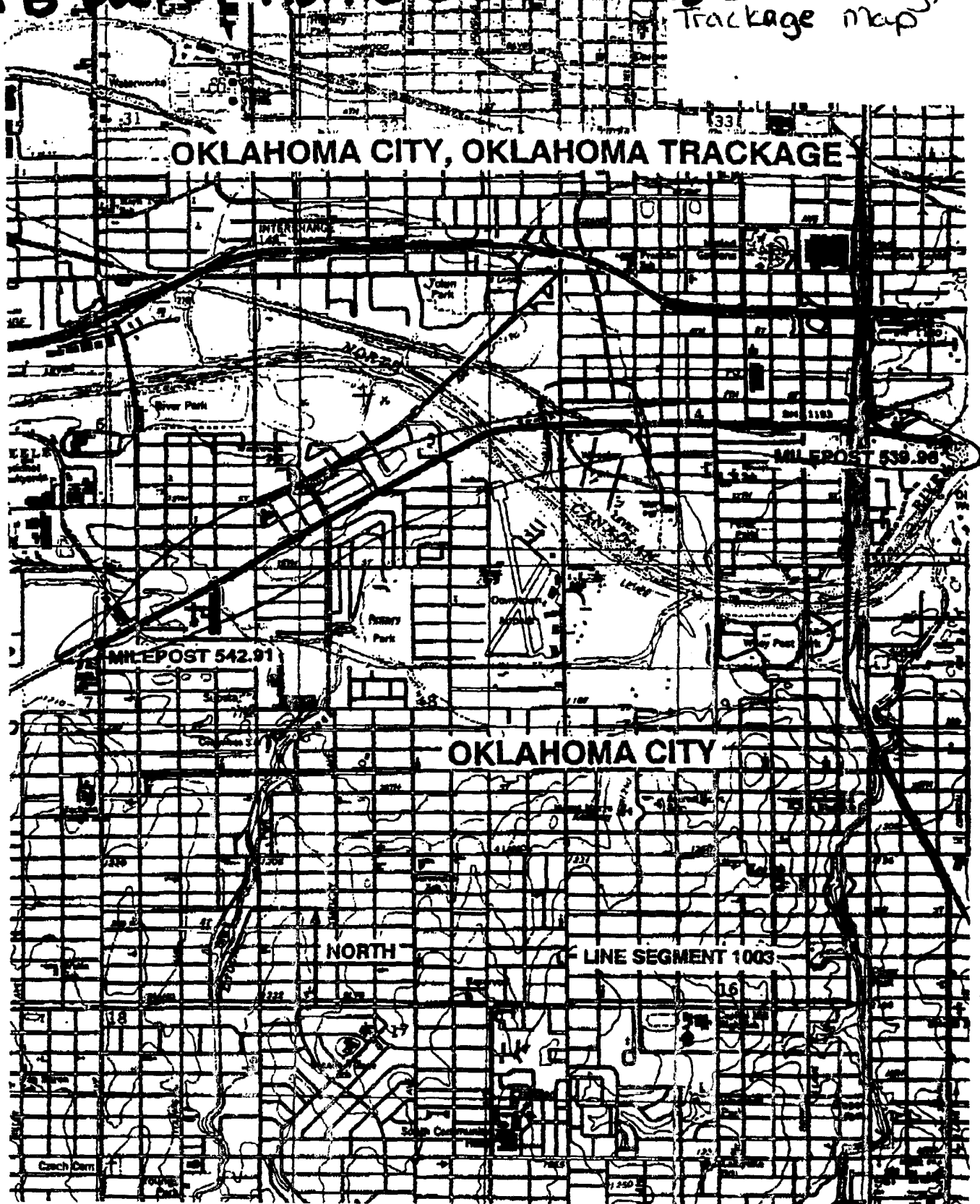
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Moore, OK 73160-5517

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Petition #5

STB Packet No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 430X) Oklahoma City, OK
Trackage Map



AB-6 (SUB-NO. 430X) and AB-1040X
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November 4, 2005

Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad
Attn: Sidney Strickland, Jr. & Associates
3050 K Street, N.W., Suite 101
Washington, D.C. 20007

RE: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 430X)

Dear Mr. Strickland:

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Michael Richards



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November 4, 2005

Stillwater Central Railroad

Attn: Karl Morell

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Washington, D.C. 20005

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